

Appendix A

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1. (Currently Amended) A naphthalene dioxygenase complex or naphthalene dioxygenase related complex comprising a plurality of polypeptides, wherein the complex or the related complex catalyzes oxidation of an aromatic substrate and comprises at least one alpha-subunit polypeptide that comprises: 1) a substituted amino acid at a position corresponding to position 352 in an alpha-subunit having SEQ ID NO: 26, 2) a substituted amino acid at a position corresponding to position 201, 202, 260, 316, 351, 358, 362, or 366 in an alpha-subunit having SEQ ID NO: 26, or 3) a substituted amino acid at the position corresponding to position 352, and a substituted amino acid at the position corresponding to position 201, 202, 260, 316, 351, 358, 362, or 366 in an alpha-subunit having SEQ ID NO: 26, or 4) fragment of any of 1-4 that catalyzes oxidation of an aromatic substrate.
2. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 1 having an alpha-subunit that comprises an amino acid other than phenylalanine at position 352 of SEQ ID NO: 26, or a fragment thereof that catalyzes oxidation of an aromatic substrate.
3. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 1 having an alpha-subunit that comprises a substituted amino acid at position 201, 202, 260, 316, 351, 352, 358, 362, or 366 of SEQ ID NO: 26, or a fragment thereof that catalyzes oxidation of an aromatic substrate.
4. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 1 having an alpha-subunit that comprises a substituted amino acid at the position corresponding to position 352, and a substituted amino acid at the position corresponding to position 201, 202, 260, 316, 351, 358, 362, or 366 of SEQ ID NO: 26; or a fragment thereof that catalyzes oxidation of an aromatic substrate.

5. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase related complex of claim 1 having an alpha-subunit that comprises a substituted amino acid at the position corresponding to position 352 of SEQ ID NO: 26; or a fragment thereof that catalyzes oxidation of an aromatic substrate.

6. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase related complex of claim 1 having an alpha-subunit that comprises a substituted amino acid at the position corresponding to position 201, 202, 260, 316, 351, 352, 358, 362, or 366 of SEQ ID NO: 26; or a fragment thereof that catalyzes oxidation of an aromatic substrate.

7. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase related complex of claim 1 having an alpha-subunit that comprises a substituted amino acid at the position corresponding to position 352, and a substituted amino acid at the position corresponding to position 201, 202, 260, 316, 351, 358, 362, or 366 of SEQ ID NO: 26; or a fragment thereof that catalyzes oxidation of an aromatic substrate.

8. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 2 wherein the amino acid at position 352 is a naturally occurring amino acid.

9. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 2 wherein the alpha-subunit comprises SEQ ID NO: 2, 32, 33, 34, 35, or 36.

10. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 2 wherein the alpha-subunit comprises SEQ ID NO: 2.

11. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase related complex of claim 5 wherein the amino acid at the position corresponding to position 352 has been substituted with a naturally occurring amino acid.

12. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase related complex of claim 5 wherein the amino acid at the position corresponding to position 352 has been substituted with valine.

13.(Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase related complex of claim 5 wherein the alpha-subunit comprises SEQ ID No: 2.

14-29. (Previously Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 3 having an alpha-subunit that comprises alanine, glutamine, or serine at position 201.

31. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 3 having an alpha-subunit that comprises leucine or valine at position 202.

32. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 3 having an alpha-subunit that comprises alanine, leucine, or asparagine at position 260.

33. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 3 having an alpha-subunit that comprises alanine at position 316.

34. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 3 having an alpha-subunit that comprises asparagine, arginine, or serine at position 351.

35. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 3 having an alpha-subunit that comprises alanine at position 358.

36. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 3 having an alpha-subunit that comprises alanine at position 362.

37. (Currently Amended) The naphthalene dioxygenase complex of claim 3 having an alpha-subunit that comprises tryptophane at position 366.

38.(Withdrawn) A oligonucleotide comprising any one of SEQ ID No's 37 and 40-55.